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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2013)

(As Amended and Passed by the House February 20, 2018)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the assessment of fees when a public  
2 defender or designee requests copies of certain documents.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1.   NEW SECTION.   815.16   Fees for requests for copies  
2 of documents.

3     1.   As used in this section:

4     *a.*   "*Agency*" means the judicial branch, a state department or  
5 agency, the office of a county attorney, a criminal or juvenile  
6 justice agency, or a political subdivision of the state.

7     *Ob.*   "*Attorney*" means the state public defender, a public  
8 defender office, or an attorney or nonprofit legal organization  
9 appointed by the court as a designee of the state public  
10 defender.

11    *b.*   "*Document*" includes but is not limited to a copy of the  
12 following:

13       (1)   Police reports.

14       (2)   Photographs.

15       (3)   Grand jury transcripts.

16       (4)   Audiotapes.

17       (5)   Videotapes.

18       (6)   Transcripts of audiotapes or videotapes.

19       (7)   Audio or video files on storage systems, including  
20 but not limited to disk, tape, optical, and other structured  
21 repositories for storing digital information.

22       (8)   Transcripts of audio or video files on storage systems.

23       (9)   Reports prepared by the department of human services.

24    2.   An agency shall furnish copies of any document in the  
25 possession of the agency, at no cost, upon request of an  
26 attorney representing an indigent person, if the document is  
27 discoverable under rule of criminal procedure 2.14 pursuant to  
28 an investigation or legal representation being conducted by  
29 the attorney.  If a document is provided to an attorney, the  
30 attorney shall provide the agency with a storage or electronic  
31 transfer device or system to be used to store or transfer the  
32 document.  However, in providing the document to the attorney,  
33 the agency shall include, upon request, software necessary to  
34 access the document.